this plan, would provide relief to the children suffering from malnutrition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, funds are allocated on the basis of financial norms, the number of operational Projects/ Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and number of beneficiaries of supplementary nutrition. Accordingly, the entitlement of Bihar works out to Rs. 385.58 crore in the year 2006-07 against which grants-in-aid of Rs. 214.61 crore has been released so far.

(b) 144 Projects and 19715 AWCs have been sanctioned in Bihar in 2005-06. Out of 19715 AWCs, 13625 are in 144 additional ICDS Projects and remaining 6090 come under existing 393 ICDS Projects. The number being very large, location of Anganwadi Centres is not recorded at the national level.

(c) ICDS is an ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Supplementary Nutrition is an important intervention under the ICDS Scheme. It aims at bridging the gap between the actual dietary intake (average) and the recommended dietary allowance so that the nutritional status of the targeted beneficiaries improves.

Recommendations of National Commission for Women

2866. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major amendaments recommended by the National Commission for Women and the task force of her Ministry in women and children related laws to ensure empowerment, equality and safety to women and children; and

(b) the time likely to be taken to start implementation of these amended laws?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Women (NCW) and the Task force on Women and Children (2000-2001) have reviewed various legislations affecting women from a gender perspective. The list of legislations reviewed by the NCW and the Task Force and the current status of their amendment is given in the Statement.

Statement

Present status of review of laws affecting women

(as per information made available by the administrative Ministries/Departments)

(i) Pending cases

Sl.No.	Name of Act/Name of administering Ministry/ Department	Present status
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1.	The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987	A proposal to amend the Commission of Sati (prevention) Act, 1987 has been referred by the Cabinet to a Group of Ministers. A meeting of the Group of Ministers to be chaired by Shri Arjun Singh, Minister of Human Resource Development is to meet to consider the proposed amendments.
2.	Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986	Consultations with the Ministry of Law & Justice are in progress to amend the Act.
3.	Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956	The Cabinet had approved amendments in the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act. The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Bill, 2006 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 22nd May, 2006 and was referred to the Ministry related Parliamentary Standing Committee. The Committee has forwarded their Report and this is being processed in the Ministry.

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4.	Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929	Amendment to the Prevention of Child Marriage Bill, 2004 and repeal of Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 has been passed by Rajya Sabha on 14.12.2006.
5.	Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Bill	The draft Bill is being re-examined.
6.	Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.	Being reviewed by the National Commission for Women.
Laws dealt by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare		
7.	Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971	Though the Act was amended in 2002, further amendments are under consideration of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for which a committee has been formed with two sub-groups.
Laws dealt by the Ministry of Law & Justice		
8.	The Guardians and Wards Act, 1890	Comments have been received from all States except six and the amendments are being processed.
9.	The Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act. 1956.	Recommendations are being studied.
10.	The Foreign Marriage Act, 1969.	Consultation with State Governments is in progress.

11.	The Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956.	Comments have been received from all States except six and the amendments are being processed.
12.	Bill reg. Compulsory Marriages	A draft Bill received from NCW has been forwarded to the Law Ministry.
Laws dealt by Ministry of Labour		
13.	The Factories Act, 1948	Ministry of Labour to take action as follows:- 1) Obtain comments of State Governments on the recommendation made by Task Force to put restrictions on women from working on moving machineries and on prohibition of women from doing dangerous operations. 2) To move amendments in the Act to provide for separate lunch rooms for women or for separate enclosures for women for taking food. Ministry of Labour informed that action is in progress on both the proposals.
14.	Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976	Ministry of Labour to take action as follows:- 1) Issue executive orders advising State Governments to give due representation to women while constituting vigilance committees under the Act and to involve agencies working for women's empowerment to channelise sufficient credit to the freed-bonded women labourers; and 2) to give comments on the Task Force's recommendation to increase the punishment and to take recourse to other recovery procedures in case of non-remittance of fine. Ministry of Labour informed that action on (1) has been taken and action on (2)

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		will be taken up with State Governments in the forthcoming conference of State Secretaries.
15.	The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923	Ministry of Labour to take action to (i) change the title of the Act to 'Workers Compensation Act' to make it gender neutral; and (ii) to provide that, as far as possible, medical examination of women workers should be done by a female medical practitioner. Ministry of Labour informed that action on (i) will be taken and action on (2) has been completed by issuing administrative instructions.
16.	The Maternity Benefit Act, 1961	Task Force on Women & Children (2001) had made a recommendation that the Act should provide for 135 days' maternity leave to female workers. Ministry of Labour is examining this recommendation.
17.	Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979	Ministry to Labour is moving amendments in the Act to change its title to make it gender neutral.
18.	The Plantation Labour Act, 1951	Task Force on Women (2001) recommended ban on employment of children below 11 years in any plantation. It also recommended that one-third of the Welfare Officers appointed under the Act should be women. These recommendations are under the consideration of the Ministry of Labour.
19.	The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986	Ministry of Labour to take action as follows:- 1) Obtain the comments of State Governments on the proposal to include in section 13(1) the education of child labourers.

		2) Give comments on the recommendation to ban employment of children below 11 years in any establishment. 3) Move for amendment so that minimum fine is Rs. 2000 under section 14(3).
20.	Payment of Wages Act, 1936	Task Force recommended that the Act should be amended to provide that an employed person shall not make a nomination in favour of a person other than his family member. Ministry of Labour to discuss this issue in the forthcoming conference of State Labour Secretaries.

Laws dealt by Ministry of Home Affairs

21.	Indian Penal Code, 1860	A proposal to amend the relevant sections of Indian Penal Code/Code of Criminal Procedure regarding rape/sexual assault has also been received from NCW and the same has been forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action. The proposals are before the Legislative Department for drafting of the amendment Bill.
22.	Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973	

(ii) **Cases on which action tacken/no further action necessary:**

1.	Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005	Enacted in September, 2005 and brought into force from 26-10-2006.
2.	Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation & Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994	The Act has been amended. The amended Act, titled, Pre-conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 2002 has come into operation w.e.f. 14.2.2003.

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3.	Indian Succession Act, 1925	Amended.
4.	Indian Evidence Act, 1872	Amended.
5.	Hindu Succession Act, 1956	Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005 was enacted w.e.f 9-9-2005 to give women equal rights in inheritance of property including agricultural land.
6.	Hindu Marriage Act, 1955	Amended.
7.	Special Marriage Act, 1954	Amended.
8.	The Employees State Insurance Act, 1948	In view of the clarifications given by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, it is proposed to drop the suggestion to amend the Act.
9.	The Minimum Wages Act, 1948	Ministry of Labour has issued instructions to the State Governments for appointing more women as Inspectors.
10.	The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976	Ministry of Labour has issued executive orders advising State Governments to give due representation to women in the appointment of Labour officers under the Act.
11.	Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970	Ministry of Labour has issued instructions to the State Governments for giving adequate representation to women in the State Advisory Boards.